

May 8, 1970

Dear Brother Schoener:

One runs to a friend in time of need. That's why I'm writing you this "SPECIAL LETTER." I don't like to do this, and I wouldn't if there wasn't a real crisis at hand.

Frankly, I am in serious trouble. As you know, I have invited 500 ministers and evangelists to come to Tulsa May 12-15 for a week of anti-communist training. I agreed to pay their hotel bills and meals, if they would only come and listen to our message. Very little has come in toward the \$50,000 I need to underwrite the 500 preachers (at \$100 each). I only have a few days to raise the money. We are on a 24-hour a day alert here. If I DON'T RAISE THE MONEY, I WILL HAVE TO WIRE MORE THAN HALF OF THEM TELLING THEM NOT TO COME.

I just got back from Rhodesia where we held an African Christian Crusade Congress. Prime Minister Ian Smith spoke to us. His government is being undermined from within by the same unholy alliance that is bringing down America . . . liberal clergymen, liberal educators and the liberal news media. There is only a small handful of clergy in Rhodesia that support Smith's anti-communist and anti-United Nations stand.

BUT IT'S DIFFERENT HERE IN THE U. S. A. Most fundamental evangelical Protestant pastors WOULD help us in our fight to save America and preserve the gospel of Christ, if they only knew the facts and what to do about it.

For that reason, the future of America may well depend on our reaching these preachers. Can you imagine how many each one of these men can influence from their own pulpits?

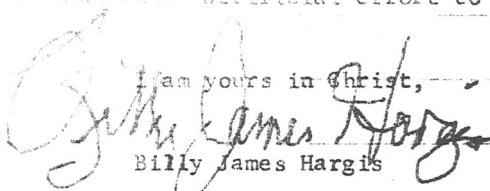
Betty and I have prayed, asking God what we could do to raise this scholarship fund THIS WEEK. Frankly, things must happen f-a-s-t. Believe me, it will take nothing short of a miracle. I have felt impressed to write you, as a friend, and lay this before you. I believe you appreciate us feeling close enough to COUNT YOU IN at a crisis time like this. You have proven in the past, with your generous support and prayers, your continuing interest in our Crusade "for Christ and against communism." That's why I'm being very frank about this crisis.

We are humbly asking, in the name of our Lord, that you stand with us by sending us a check for a hundred dollars (more if possible) as your part in meeting the emergency THIS WEEK. (If you can't have it, would you borrow it - then repay it in small payments - even like bills or offerings). People borrow for almost everything; it's certainly true to do so for an S.O.S. to train ministers to save America.

I would not write you if emergency didn't exist. But, it does. I must raise a minimum of \$50,000 this week. I need your check for one scholarship before the Post Office closes. It will greatly relieve the anxiety and pressure here. Use a AIRMAIL if you can. No time.

A real emergency exists here. From our own experience, the training of friendly pastors for anti-communism is one of the most effective things that we can do towards saving America from the godless. Betty Jane joins me in prayer that you will contribute to this sacrificial effort to stop godless antichrist communism.

I am yours in Christ,


Billy James Hargis